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I am Alex Wade and have lived in Kailua since 1969. I have seen it grow from a quiet residential community with only one stoplight to a bustling tourist town with more traffic than can be handled with the extra stoplights we now have.

Kailua does not have the infrastructure to continue to increase the commercial activities being made available to tourists. Local residents ---even those from across the island bring their own ocean equipment and food. We can handle that. Providing for commercial permits for ocean equipment and food concessions at our beaches far exceeds our capability and should not be allowed to continue.

The busloads of tourists trucked in daily are too much for our small community. I have witnessed tourists walking and taking pictures in the streets fronting the beaches and beach accesses with no regard for traffic or even their own safety. The only apparent reason they are here is to take pictures and the majority of them are not even wearing bathing suits and have no intention of using the beach or ocean. The buses take up parking spaces which our island residents could use.

The ocean and the community have a limited carrying capacity. The situation which has brought this matter to your attention has exceeded that capacity. While I acknowledge that tourism is vital for the island economy, there are more than enough opportunities to feed the needs for sights and ocean access in already established commercial beach areas. I respectfully request that you enact Bill 11 to preserve our ocean resources in Kailua and Lanikai Bays and to restrict the subtle erosion of the residential nature of our Kailua community which has occurred over the past several years.

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